

**APPENDIX D-3**  
**GILS Conference Survey Instrument**



## ASSESSMENT OF KEY ISSUES RELATED TO THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LOCATOR SERVICE (GILS)

Instructions: Please provide the information requested below and return the questionnaire to the boxes placed at the back of this room.

### Part I: Background Information

1. What is your definition of GILS -- Government Information Locator Service?

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2. Which of the following best describes the setting in which you work?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal agency<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private non-profit organization<br><input type="checkbox"/> State or local government | <input type="checkbox"/> Private for-profit organization<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |
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3. \_\_\_\_\_ years of experience in this setting.

4. Which one category best describes the field in which you work?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chief Information Officer<br><input type="checkbox"/> Research and Development<br><input type="checkbox"/> Software Developer<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sales/Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Library/Information Center<br><input type="checkbox"/> Information Resources Management<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |
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5. Which one category best describes your involvement with or interest in GILS?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Implementor of GILS<br><input type="checkbox"/> User of GILS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Technical standards developer<br><input type="checkbox"/> Information reseller | <input type="checkbox"/> GILS record creator<br><input type="checkbox"/> Policymaker<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) |
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6. For government agency employees ONLY:

a. Our agency operates a GILS server

☐ yes ☐ no ☐ don't know

b. Our agency submits GILS records to another agency for listing

☐ yes ☐ no ☐ don't know

c. My unit's GILS is part of a larger department/bureau/agency GILS effort

☐ yes ☐ no ☐ don't know

7. How familiar are you with the following (circle the appropriate number):

	Familiar				Not Familiar
a. Federal GILS policies	1	2	3	4	5
b. Your agency's GILS policies (if government employee)	1	2	3	4	5
c. NARA's guidelines for GILS records creation	1	2	3	4	5
d. OMB Bulletin 95-01 on GILS	1	2	3	4	5
e. Z39.50 standard	1	2	3	4	5
f. FIPS Publication No. 192	1	2	3	4	5
g. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, section establishing GILS	1	2	3	4	5
h. The World Wide Web	1	2	3	4	5

8a. Please identify your favorite online alternative (Web or other) to GILS when trying to locate government information:

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8b. Why do you especially like this particular source?

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## Part II: Key Issues

Please circle the number or letter that corresponds with the degree to which you agree or disagree:

	Strongly Agree				Strongly Disagree		Don't Know
9. I am able to describe GILS accurately and fully to others.	1	2	3	4	5		X
10. A purpose of GILS is to improve public access to government information.	1	2	3	4	5		X
11. There is adequate policy guidance to direct the development and operation of GILS.	1	2	3	4	5		X
12. There is adequate technical implementation guidance for developing and operating GILS.	1	2	3	4	5		X
13. GILS records represent the complete information resources of an agency.	1	2	3	4	5		X
14. More work needs to be done on the technical standards to support GILS operations.	1	2	3	4	5		X
15. GILS is so valuable that, if it didn't exist, we would have to create it.	1	2	3	4	5		X
16. Every agency Web homepage should have a link to the agency's GILS.	1	2	3	4	5		X
17. GILS has improved public access to Federal information.	1	2	3	4	5		X
18. A purpose of GILS is to help agency officials better manage agency information.	1	2	3	4	5		X
19. The World Wide Web reduces the need for GILS.	1	2	3	4	5		X
20. The appropriate technology is readily available for implementing GILS.	1	2	3	4	5		X
21. GILS should be expanded throughout the Federal government.	1	2	3	4	5		X

Please circle true or false for the following:

22. I search GILS several times per day in my everyday work.	True	False
23. I often refer people to GILS when providing information.	True	False
24. I find useful information when I use GILS.	True	False
25. I often find links to GILS on the Web.	True	False

## Part III: Additional Comments

26. Please use the space below to offer any additional comments, pose questions, identify key issues, or discuss topics not mentioned here that the study team should explore:

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